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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please cancel Claims 6, 7, 9, and 11 without prejudice.**

**Please amend the claims to read as shown below:<sup>1</sup>**

1. (Amended) A ceramic heater comprising:

*sintered*  
a ceramic plate including,

a heating element formed inside the ceramic plate,

a bottomed hole made, being directed from an opposite side to a heating surface for

<sup>1</sup>The changes to the claims are shown using bracketing and underscoring in the marked-up copy attached herewith.